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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Section 63.71 Application of CoreComm California, Inc.; CoreComm Colorado, Inc.; CoreComm Connecticut, Inc.; CoreComm Massachusetts, Inc.; CoreComm Missouri, Inc.; CoreComm Newco, Inc.; CoreComm North Carolina, Inc.; CoreComm Rhode Island, Inc.; CoreComm Texas, Inc.; CoreComm Vermont, Inc.; and CoreComm West Virginia, Inc. for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of CoreComm California, Inc.; CoreComm Colorado, Inc.; CoreComm Connecticut, Inc.; CoreComm Massachusetts, Inc.; CoreComm Missouri, Inc.; CoreComm Newco, Inc.; CoreComm North Carolina, Inc.; CoreComm Rhode Island, Inc.; CoreComm Texas, Inc.; CoreComm Vermont, Inc.; and CoreComm West Virginia, Inc. (collectively, "CoreComm"), transmitted herewith are an original and six (6) copies of the above referenced application for authority to discontinue the provision of certain services.

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted



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**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of)

Section 63.71 Application of)

CoreComm California, Inc.; CoreComm)
Colorado, Inc.; CoreComm Connecticut, Inc.;)
CoreComm Massachusetts, Inc.; CoreComm)
Missouri, Inc.; CoreComm Newco, Inc.;)
CoreComm North Carolina, Inc.; CoreComm)
Rhode Island, Inc.; CoreComm Texas, Inc.;)
CoreComm Vermont, Inc.; and)
CoreComm West Virginia, Inc.)

WC Docket No. 05-_____

For Authority to Discontinue)
Certain Services)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

CoreComm California, Inc.; CoreComm Colorado, Inc.; CoreComm Connecticut, Inc.;
CoreComm Massachusetts, Inc.; CoreComm Missouri, Inc.; CoreComm Newco, Inc.;
CoreComm North Carolina, Inc.; CoreComm Rhode Island, Inc.; CoreComm Texas, Inc.;
CoreComm Vermont, Inc.; and CoreComm West Virginia, Inc. (collectively, "CoreComm"),
through their undersigned counsel, hereby file this Application to discontinue services pursuant
to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the
Communications Act of 1934, as amended, in selected areas defined herein. Specifically,
CoreComm is seeking to discontinue the provision of certain local and domestic and
international long distance customers in a number of locations nationwide on April 18, 2005. In
support of this Application, CoreComm submits the following information:

I. Description of Discontinuance

1. Name and address of carrier

CoreComm California, Inc.; CoreComm Colorado, Inc.; CoreComm Connecticut, Inc.; CoreComm Massachusetts, Inc.; CoreComm Missouri, Inc.; CoreComm Newco, Inc.; CoreComm North Carolina, Inc.; CoreComm Rhode Island, Inc.; CoreComm Texas, Inc.; CoreComm Vermont, Inc.; and CoreComm West Virginia, Inc.

All CoreComm entities can be contacted at:
2100 Renaissance Boulevard
King of Prussia, PA 19406

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

The anticipated date for the discontinuance of service in the markets identified below in paragraph 3 is April 18, 2005, or as soon thereafter as the necessary state and federal regulatory authorizations have been obtained.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

By this Application, CoreComm seeks authority to discontinue the provision of all local, intrastate toll, interstate toll, and international telecommunications services to customers located in the states of Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia ("Discontinuance States").

4. Brief description of the type of service affected

CoreComm proposes to discontinue the provision of local, intrastate toll, interstate toll and international telecommunications services.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

Written notice to all affected customers substantially in the form of the sample letters attached as Exhibit A was mailed to customers in the Discontinuance States on February 15,

2005. The customer notice letters were prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules

6. Non-dominance of the carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

CoreComm is non-dominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

7. Service

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules, CoreComm has mailed a copy of this Application to the Governor and the public utility commission of each of the Discontinuance States listed above in paragraph 3, and to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense.

8. Additional questions regarding this application may be addressed to:

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II. Circumstances of Discontinuance

As part of ATX's plan to emerge from Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Court protection and to refocus its business plan in order to achieve long term profitability, CoreComm has determined to discontinue the provision of certain services in a number of locations nationwide. The services to be discontinued are competitive in nature and customers have received sufficient notice in order to allow them to make arrangements for replacement services. The proposed discontinuance is part of ATX's plan to emerge from bankruptcy that should be approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York in the near future, as a

confirmation hearing has been scheduled for April 13, 2005, at which the bankruptcy court will consider approval of ATX's plan.

III. Conclusion

CoreComm believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. CoreComm will take all reasonable steps, to the extent it is able, to assure that the discontinuance of service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. For the foregoing reasons, CoreComm respectfully requests, pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a) and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of services to certain customers pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 14, 2005

EXHIBIT A

Sample Discontinuance Notice Letter



February 15, 2005

Re: **IMPORTANT NOTICE, LOSS OF TELEPHONE SERVICE
DISCONTINUANCE OF TELEPHONE SERVICE - PLEASE DO NOT DISREGARD
THIS NOTICE.**

Dear Customer:

We regret to inform you that CoreComm¹ can no longer provide your telecommunications services and plans to discontinue service in your State. As a result, we have informed the Federal Communications Commission of this development. Accordingly, CoreComm will discontinue all **LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICES** that you receive from CoreComm in all service locations in your state. Subject to regulatory approval, the anticipated date for the discontinuance of your service is **April 18, 2005**. This discontinuance notice applies to each line listed on the attachment enclosed.

If you also receive **LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICES** from CoreComm, those services will also be discontinued, subject to regulatory approval, at or about the same time. Your **LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE** and your **LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE**, if you receive such service from CoreComm, **will not be automatically transferred to another provider**, so you must take a immediate action to avoid interruption to your **LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE**, and, if you receive it from CoreComm, **LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE**. This is the **only notice** you will receive about the loss of your telephone service.

Your immediate action is required! In order to obtain alternative **LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE** and **LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE**, you must select a new service provider(s) **immediately**. If you do not select a new local telephone service provider by April 06, 2005, you may lose your local telephone service. If you act by this date there should be enough time for your chosen new local telephone service provider to start your new service before your CoreComm service ends. We are making every effort to continue our service to you until April 18, 2005. Accordingly, please do not delay in arranging for a new provider(s). A list of telecommunications providers serving your area can generally be found in the front of your local telephone book. Please remember that you can choose the provider of your local telephone service and may select any company that is offering service in your area.

¹ CoreComm provides service under the names: CoreComm California, Inc.; CoreComm Colorado, Inc.; CoreComm Connecticut, Inc.; CoreComm Massachusetts, Inc.; CoreComm Missouri, Inc.; CoreComm Newco, Inc.; CoreComm North Carolina, Inc.; CoreComm Rhode Island, Inc.; CoreComm Texas, Inc.; CoreComm Vermont, Inc.; and CoreComm West Virginia, Inc.

Please be aware that you are responsible for paying all bills rendered to you by CoreComm during the transition to a new provider(s). You may be subject to suspension or termination of your phone service in accordance with the applicable rules if you fail to pay your telephone bill.

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") permits customers to object to discontinuance of their service by a telecommunications provider. As provided in the FCC's rule 47 CFR 63.71:

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing the Section 63.71 Application of CoreComm. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

CoreComm greatly appreciates the opportunity we have had to serve you and we sincerely regret the actions that we are undertaking at this time. Again we urge you to act immediately to obtain service from another provider(s). If we can provide assistance in the transition of service to another provider or you have questions about the discontinuance process, please call our toll free customer service number at 1-877-267-3266.

Sincerely,




Christopher Joslin
Vice President of Customer Operations and Marketing
CoreComm

VERIFICATION

I, Jeffrey D. Coursen, declare that I am Executive Vice President of ATX Communications, Inc., the ultimate parent company of the CoreComm operating subsidiaries; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of ATX Communications, Inc.; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the statements in the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

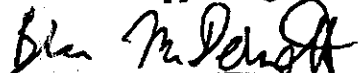
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 11, 2005, at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania


Jeffrey D. Coursen
Executive Vice President
ATX Communications, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of CoreComm California, Inc.; CoreComm Colorado, Inc.; CoreComm Connecticut, Inc.; CoreComm Massachusetts, Inc.; CoreComm Missouri, Inc.; CoreComm Newco, Inc.; CoreComm North Carolina, Inc.; CoreComm Rhode Island, Inc.; CoreComm Texas, Inc.; CoreComm Vermont, Inc.; and CoreComm West Virginia, Inc. and was served this 14th day of March, 2005, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses appearing on the attached list.



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